

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee

April 12, 2011

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Meeting of April 12, 2011, was called to order at 9:50 A.M.

All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. The notice of the meeting has been mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, and the Trenton Times. The notice has also been sent to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Board saluted the Flag.

The following members were present:

Keith Eaves
Arthur Fucetola
Sgt. William Hartung
Charles Okun

The following members were not present:

Edward Bagniewski
Richard Rible
Robert Shoremount
Walter Wargacki, Jr.
Jon Sprague
Electrical Board Liaison
Joseph Cantalupo

Also, present were:

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law
Howard Pine, Legal Specialist
Lolly Merced, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Director

The meeting was held as a sub-committee meeting of the Advisory Committee due to the lack of a quorum. Recommendations of the sub-committee on all matters it reviews today will be submitted to the full Advisory Committee for its review and approval at its next scheduled meeting on May 17, 2011.

II. Announcements

No announcements

III. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by sub-committee member Arthur Fucetola and seconded by sub-committee member Sgt. William Hartung to recommend to the full Advisory Committee to approve the public minutes of March 15, 2011 as amended. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence

A. Ron Virack, Dist. Mgr., Slomin's Shield

The sub-committee reviewed correspondence from Ron Virack, District Manager for the Slomin's Shield inquiring whether their business license number needs to be printed on every van the company owns. After review and discussion by the sub-committee members, it was their decision to recommend to the full Advisory Committee to send a response to Mr. Virack advising him that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:31A-1.13(f),

All commercial vehicles used in the burglar alarm business, the fire alarm business, or the provision of locksmithing services shall be marked on both sides with the following information: 2. The words "Burglar Alarm Business License Number" or "Burglar Alarm Business Lic. #," "Fire Alarm Business License Number" or "Fire Alarm Business Lic. #" or "Locksmith Business License Number" or "Locksmith Business Lic. #" or any combination thereof, as applicable, along with the relevant number;

B. Robert A. Marks, Bernstein & Marks, Counselor at Law - Re: APX

The Sub-committee reviewed a letter from Robert A. Marks writing on behalf of a consumer who contracted with APX Alarm Security Solutions, Inc. inquiring whether the regulations would prohibit a licensed company from including in its standard, residential contracts a provision that the contract cannot be terminated

prior to its expiration. A motion was made by Arthur Fucetola and seconded by Keith Eaves to move this item into Executive Session. Motion carried.

C. Edward M. Smith, Director, Division of Codes and Standards, Department of Community Affairs

The sub-committee reviewed correspondence submitted by Edward M. Smith, Director of Codes and Standards, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs replying to the Advisory Committee's letter to Commissioner Lori Grifa informing the Department that pursuant to this Advisory Committee's regulations, the name and license number of the business license needs to appear on the permits. Mr. Smith is informing the Advisory Committee that the Uniform Construction Code requires the license number of the contractor installing burglar alarms, fire alarms or electronic security systems to appear on the construction permit application. He will also remind their code officials of this requirement and will publish an article in their *Construction Code Communicator*. He will also share this information with the Division of Local Government Services and ask them to make the local government officials responsible for bidding of public works projects aware of these requirements. It was the sub-committee's decision to recommend to the full Advisory Committee to send Mr. Smith a thank you letter and to further advise him that in order for any person to serve as a contractor in this State, the contractor also needs a business license in addition to a personal license. The business license number is what must appear on the applicant's construction permit. The sub-committee also recommends to post Mr. Smith's information on the Advisory Committee's website. Acting Executive Director Pine will reach out to Mr. Smith to request his permission to do so.

D. Pooran Sookoo - resignation of business qualifier - United Telecomp.

The sub-committee reviewed correspondence submitted by Pooran Sookoo informing the Advisory Committee that as of March 14th he will no longer be employed by the United Telecomp, LLC. He served as the company's business qualifier. The sub-committee recommends to sending Mr. Sookoo a letter commending him as a licensee for informing the Advisory Committee of this information, and to request the name of the individual(s) that will be qualifying the Fire/Burglar work for United Telecomp, LLC. Also, United Telecomp, LLC needs to be advised that they will have six months to get a new qualifier(s).

E. Lida Goodhart, Northeast Sales Rep., Norment Security Group, Inc.

Ms. Goodhart sent in an email advising the Committee that her company is a security electronic and detention equipment contractor that specializes in installing, maintaining and repairing door control systems at prisons, courthouses and other institutions of public safety. She is asking whether the company needs a New Jersey locksmith business license and if the technicians need to be licensed as locksmiths in New Jersey. After discussion, the sub-committee recommends to

the full Advisory Committee **that a response be sent advising** Ms. Goodhart that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-25, a New Jersey **locksmith business** license is required to provide the services described in her email.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Business License, Inactive to Active Status

RMD Security Systems, Inc d/b/a Electronic Services, License Number 34BF00012000, is asking to reactivate its license from inactive status. The business license was made inactive on October 7, 2010 due to the qualifier's death. The Business License expired 1/31/2011. The question is whether or not the \$100 reinstatement fee is applicable to activating a business license. After review, the sub-committee recommends to the full Advisory Committee that the \$100 reinstatement fee is applicable to both the individual and business license. It was recommended that the Advisory Committee ask Regulatory Analyst Sheehan whether the language of N.J.A.C. 13:31A-1.4 needs to be clarified.

B. Locksmith Articles

1. The Advisory Committee received an article regarding a locksmith from Wisconsin who plead guilty to ID theft. This was submitted for informational purpose.
2. The Advisory Committee received an advertisement from Washington Locksmith 4 Less offering 24 hours, 7 days a week locksmithing services. A motion was made by Arthur Fucetola and seconded by Keith Eaves to move this item into Executive Session for further discussion.
3. The Advisory Committee received a flyer from the Master Locksmith Association of New Jersey, Inc. announcing a continuing education class (Blueprint Reading and Hardware Scheduling) to be offered on June 2, 2011. It was the decision of the Sub-committee to send Ken Vitty a letter informing him that this CE course is not approved in New Jersey. Licensees will not get CE credit for attending this course. Acting Executive Director Howard will call Mr. Vitty and explain this to him.
4. The Advisory Committee received an article published in March 2011 by Angie Hicks from Angie's List advising what to look for when looking for a locksmith. This article was submitted for informational purpose.
5. The Advisory Committee received an article regarding two men who were arrested in Texas for working as unlicensed locksmiths. The sub-committee took notice that the unlicensed practice of locksmithing is not a crime in New Jersey. It was submitted for informational purposes.

VII. Continuing Education Subcommittee Report

After review and discussion of the Continuing Education Subcommittee's recommendations, a motion was made by sub-committee member Arthur Fucetola and seconded by sub-committee member Sgt. William Hartung to recommend to the full Advisory Committee to approve the attached CE Subcommittee's recommendations of CE courses. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comments

No one was present from the public.

IX. Review of Applications for Alarm and Locksmith Licenses Review of Applications for Alarm and Locksmith Business Licenses

The sub-committee reviewed and approved individual and business licenses.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Arthur Fucetola and seconded by Sgt. William Hartung to close the public session and go into Executive Session. Motion carried. Public session was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.